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Pursuant to our PA/SI Cooperative Agreement, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is pleased to submit the enclosed Revised Preliminary Assessment and revised PA scoresheet for Avalos Incorporated. Comment received from Bechtel Environmental, Inc. have been incorporated into the revised report and scoresheet.

We look forward to your final review of this document.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Meyer

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region IX, under the authority of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) and the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), has tasked Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) to conduct a preliminary assessment (PA) of Avalos Incorporated (Avalos) site in Yerington, Lyon County, Nevada.

The purpose of the PA is to review existing information on the site and its environs to assess the threat(s), if any, posed to public health, welfare, or the environment and to determine if further investigation under CERCLA/SARA is warranted. The scope of the PA includes the review of information available from federal, state, and local agencies and performance of an onsite reconnaissance visit.

Using these sources of existing information, the site is then evaluated using the EPA's Hazard Ranking System (HRS) criteria to assess the relative threat associated with actual or potential releases of hazardous substances at the site. The HRS has been adopted by the EPA to help set priorities for further evaluation and eventual remedial action at hazardous waste sites. The HRS is the primary method of determining a site's eligibility for placement on the National Priorities List (NPL). The NPL identifies sites at which the EPA may conduct remedial response actions. This report summarizes the findings of these preliminary investigative activities.

The Avalos site was identified as a potential hazardous waste site and entered into the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System (CERCLIS) on September 19, 1994 (NV0000735712). The site was entered into CERCLIS based on a complaint by a concerned citizen.

1.1 Apparent Problem

The apparent problems at the site are as follows:

- On May 10, 1994 the RCRA Waste Branch received a complaint from the Lyon County Sheriff's Department regarding the discharge of a free orange liquid into an unlined evaporation pond approximately 100' X 30' in size with an estimated volume of 2,000 gallons of unknown substance.¹
- An inspection was performed by the RCRA Enforcement Branch due to the complaint from the Lyon County Sheriff's Department. Soils samples were taken at this time. An evaporation pond, and concrete pad holding 6 Drums (4-55 gallon drums of waste oil, 2-55 gallon drums of epoxy resin) and at least one large debris pile were noted on site. 1,2
- On May 6, 1994 a search warrant was obtained and a search of the premises was conducted by the Lyon County Sheriff's

Department. The facility was operating without a business license, building permit, EPA ID number, certificate of occupancy, special use permits, and operating under a another parties name. A cease and desist order was issued and a warrant for the arrest of the owner/operator was issued.¹

 On August 8, 1994 the Department of Wildlife was informed by a second citizen's complaint addressing the excavation and burial of paint/solvent buckets/barrels on the Avalos premises on a Saturday by a front end loader.¹

2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION

2.1 Site Location

The Avalos site is located at 136 HWY 339, in Yerington, Nevada. The geographic coordinates for the site are 38°58'34.43" N latitude and 119°11'03.20" W longitude (Township 13 North, Range 25 East, Section 21, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, Yerington, 7.5-minute quadrangle). The location of the site is shown in Figure 2-1.

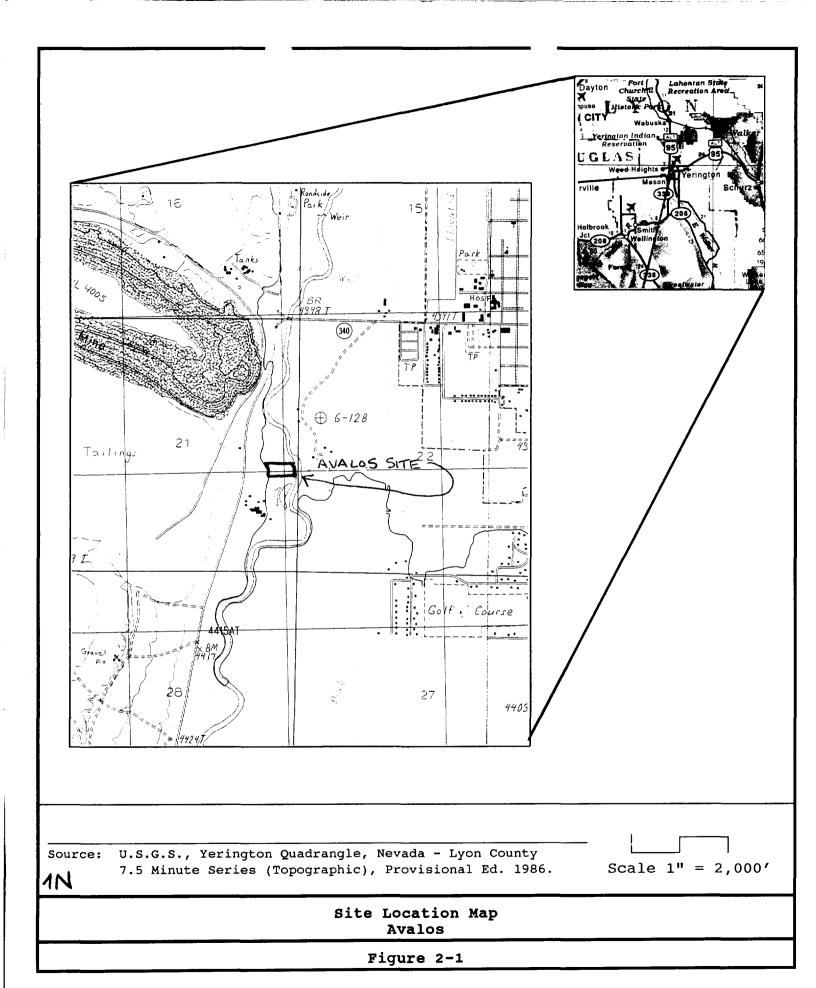
2.2 Site Description

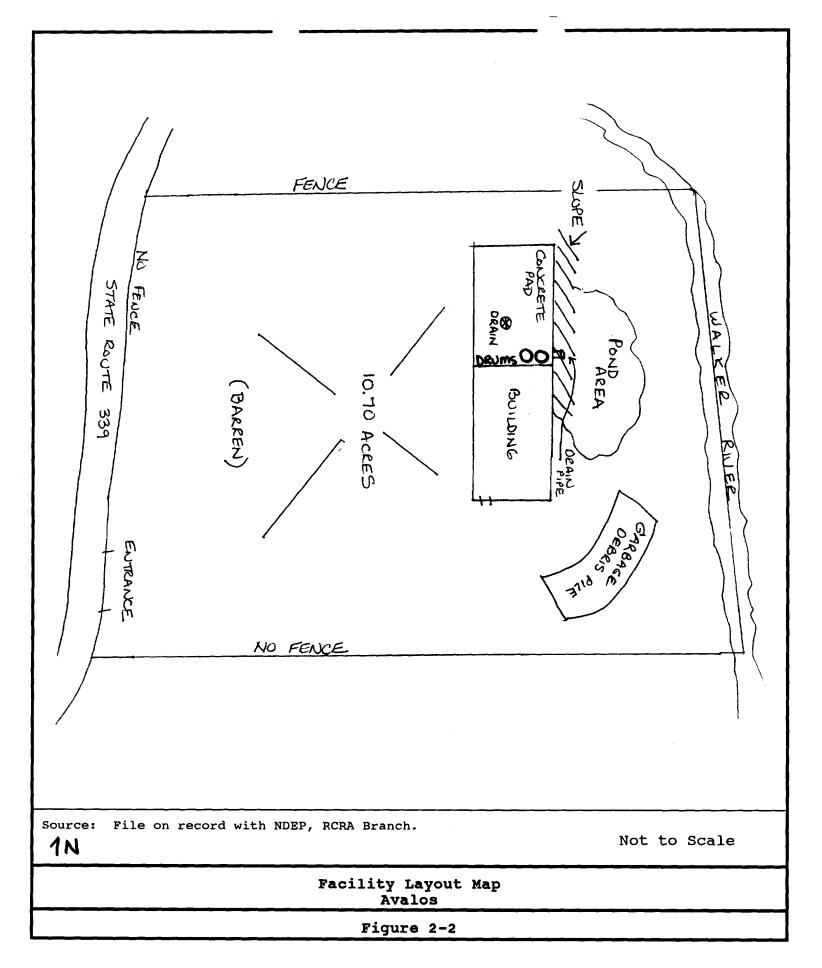
The site occupies 10.0 acres in an industrial, rural area. The site is bordered on the north by a fence located on the property line and the Marathon Equipment facility, on the east by the Walker River, on the south by a vacant lot and on the west by State Route 339.45

The site currently consists of a 10.0 acre parcel housing a steel building approximately 60' x 100' in size, and a concrete pad approximately 60' x 60' in size, located directly north of the steel building. The concrete area appears to be used to store drums (6-55 gallon) and boxes of polymer plastic chips, sprinkler molds and various other components used in the manufacture of plastic sprinkler heads. Several stacks of wooden pallets on soil were noted east of the building. The remainder of the property is barren soil. A large debris pile was noted during NDEP, RCRA inspection in May, 1994 in the southeast corner of the property, which appeared to contain solvent and paint buckets, barrels, pallets, and other household wastes, however on the date of Superfund field inspection the debris pile had been removed. The facility is fenced on the north side only. The facility was occupied from 1992 to May 1994, and to date is neither occupied nor operating. The site layout is shown in Figure 2-2. 12,4,5

2.3 Operational History

Avalos was owned and operated by Hans Schnitzler from 1992-1994. Complete information regarding the ownership and operations on site prior to 1992 was not available at the time of the PA.





Operations from 1992 to May of 1994 consisted of the manufacture of large plastic sprinkler heads for irrigation systems. This process includes plastics poured into molds using various resins and solvents. Chemicals noted on the premises included xylene, cathane, acetone, waster oil, epoxy resins, transmission fluid, lubricants, paint thinner, paint lacquers, cutting oils, and ABS resin chips. Further information regarding activities performed on site prior to 1992 was not available at the time of the PA.¹

No hazardous wastes were generated by Avalos, however waste oils, and epoxy resins have been stored on site. The site also contained an unlined evaporation pond containing an unknown free liquid. Drums (6-55 gallon) and boxes of plastic chips have also been stored on a concrete pad behind the facility. The facility is a non-generator. The unlined evaporation pond was estimated to be an area approximately 100' X 30' in size, that impounded approximately 2,000 gallons of unknown liquid substance. Spent chemicals may have consisted of toluene, epoxy resins, waste oils, paints etc. 1,2,4

In May, 1994 NDEP, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Hazardous Waste Branch, Corey Kerns and Robert Speck, conducted a sampling to include 5 soil samples (Sample # 1,2,3,8,9) from various places near the concrete pad and unlined evaporation pond area (See Sampling log for locations). These samples were sent to Alpha Analytical Incorporated in Sparks, Nevada and were analyzed for 25 organics. The results revealed non-detect levels for all 25 organics for samples 1,3,8 and 9. However sample #2 revealed a hit of 1200 ppb (3 times above background) for toluene. 1,2,4

2.4 Regulatory Involvement

2.4.1 Agency 1

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
The Avalos site is not listed in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Information System (RCRIS) database, as of July 14, 1994, as a large quantity or small quantity hazardous waste generator.

2.4.2 Agency 2

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP)
The NDEP RCRA Enforcement Branch is involved with routine inspection oversight of the facility and was responsible for a sampling event at the facility in 1994.

Nevada State Fire Marshal
The State Fire Marshal's Office oversees the facility's SARA
Title III reporting requirements for hazardous substances used at
the facility.¹

Local Lyon County Fire Department Lyon County oversees any special use permits.¹

3.0 HAZARD RANKING SYSTEM FACTORS

3.1 Sources of Contamination

Potential hazardous substance sources associated with the site include:

- Unlined evaporation pond, 100' X 30' in area, at one time containing approximately 2000 gallons of an unknown free liquid, spent solvents, paints, and various chemicals used in the plastics process. Samples revealed 1200 ppb toluene from pond area.^{1,2,4}
- Contaminated soils in and around pond area and soils located under the drain area inset in concrete pad.1,2,4
- Dibris pile.

3.2 Groundwater Pathway

Groundwater beneath the site is first encountered at a depth of approximately 50-60 feet below ground surface (bgs).^{6,8} Geologic materials in the unsaturated zone between ground surface and the aquifer consist predominantly of sands and clay.⁶ There is one drinking water well within 750 feet of the site, which and serves one person.⁸ In addition, 136 drinking water wells are within 4 miles of the site serving approximately 4,129 people.^{8,9}

3.2.1 Hydrogeological Setting.

The site is located in the west-central portion of Mason Valley, a structural trough composed of up to 1,000 feet of unconsolidated valley-fill deposits overlying sedimentary, volcanic, granite, and metamorphic rocks of little or no permeability. The valley-fill deposits consist of an interbedded sequence of sand, gravel, cobbles, boulders, silt, and gravelly and sandy clay.⁶

Groundwater occurs in the valley-fill deposits of Pleistocene and Holocene ages, which comprise four geologic units: younger alluvium, younger fan deposits, older alluvium, and older fan deposits. The younger alluvium and the younger fan deposits occur from zero to approximately 100 feet bgs. The younger alluvium is highly permeable and is a good aquifer. The older fan deposits occur from zero to around 700 feet bgs, while the older alluvium occurs from zero to around 500 feet bgs. The younger fan deposits and the older fan deposits are of low permeability. The older alluvium constitutes the largest and most productive aquifer in the area.⁶

The site is located in the confined zone of the valley, approximately 3.5 miles east of the Singatse Range³, which is a north-northwest trending fault block. The water table in this area is first detected beneath the site at a depth of 20-50 feet

bgs., depending on proximity to the Walker River.⁸ The shallow, unconfined groundwater moves generally northwestward, while groundwater in the lower aquifer generally flows is a northerly direction.⁶ The net precipitation of the area is 1.3356 inches.⁷

3.2.2 Groundwater Targets.

Groundwater provides 100% of the area's residential water, serving approximately 4,129 people. Groundwater is provided by domestic wells and municipal wells. There are several municipal systems in the area: City of Yerington, Mason Water Company, and Weed Heights Development. These municipal wells are more than 70 feet bgs. None of the municipal systems are operate as a blended system.

The nearest drinking water well is a domestic well #16325. This well is owned and operated by feet Southeast of the site.8

The City of Yerington, operates a non-blended drinking water system that consists of 3 wells within 4 miles of the site, that serve approximately 2,280 people. Currently, the City of Yerington obtains all of its drinking water from groundwater. No well contributes greater than 40 percent to the system.

The Weed Heights Municipal system operates a non-blended drinking water system that consists of 1 well within 4 miles of the site that serves approximately 622 people.

The Mason Valley Municipal system operated a non-blended drinking water system that consists of 3 wells within 4 miles of the site that serves approximately 1,044 people. No well contributes greater that 40 percent to the system.⁷

The total target population served by drinking water wells within the 4-mile radius of the site is estimated to be 4,129. They are further broken down into each distance category as shown in Table 4-1.89,10

3.2.3 Groundwater Pathway Conclusion.

Soil sampling data collected by NDEP, RCRA Enforcement Branch confirmed a release of toluene at a level of 1200 ppb in the unlined evaporation pond area. This hazardous substance was detected in a soil sample at a concentration that is a least three times greater that the concentration detected in a background sample. Therefore toluene is present in soils onsite and a high water table exists beneath the site with permeable geologic materials present from 0-60 feet bgs.

Table 3-1
Population Served by Groundwater

		DOLVOU My OLOUNUM	
Water Purveyor		# of Wells in Each Category	Total Population Served by Wells for Each Radius
	0-14	DOM:3 IRR: MUN: QM: REC: STK:	7
Public Drinking	1/4-1/2	DOM:3 IRR: MUN: QM: REC: STK:	7
Water Well Locations	12-1	DOM:11 IRR: MUN:1 QM:2 REC: STK:	374
	1-2	DOM:17 IRR: MUN:7 QM: REC: STK:	3017
	2-3	DOM:49 IRR: MUN: QM: REC: STK:	621
·	3-4	DOM:43 IRR: MUN: QM: REC: STK:	103
Total No. of Wells withe 4-mile radius	thin	136	4,129
No. of Surface Water Intakes		None	
Any Source >40% of Supply?		None	
References		NDWR	

^{*} Indicates the number of wells within each distance category, measured in miles form the site.

DOM Domestic

IRR Irrigation

MUN Municipal

QM Quasi-municipal

REC Recreational

STK Stock Watering

4-mile average population per household = 2.4

The distance to the nearest drinking water well is 750.0 feet.⁸ The number of wells within 4 miles of the site is 136 and the total population served by systems that have wells within the 4 miles of the site is 4,129.^{8,9,10}

3.3 Surface Water Pathway Conclusions

Surface runoff to the Walker River, located approximately 750-100 will not occur. This is because drainage from the site enters a bermed, unlined pond area.⁴ The site is not in a floodplain.¹¹

No drinking water intakes are associated with the Walker River 15 miles downstream of the site. There are no sensitive environments associated with the site. 12

3.4 Soil Exposure and Air Pathway Conclusions.

There are no schools or daycare centers within 200 feet of the contamination associated with the site. The nearest residence is less than 750 feet from the western site boundary. There are no people living on site.

4.0 EMERGENCY RESPONSE CONSIDERATIONS

The National Contingency Plan [40 CFR 300.415 (b) (2)] authorizes the EPA to consider emergency response actions at those sites which pose an imminent threat to human health or the environment. For the following reasons a referral to Region IX's Emergency Response Section does not appear to be necessary:

- Currently, the site does not generate, receive, or store hazardous waste.
- The site is not operational at the time of this report preparation.

5.0 SUMMARY

Avalos Incorporated is located on 136 HWY 339, Yerington, Lyon County, Nevada. The site occupies 10.0 acres in an industrial, rural area. The site is bordered on the north by a fence located on the property line and the Marathon Equipment facility, on the east by the Walker River, on the south by a vacant lot and on the west by State Route 339. The site consists of one steel building approximately 60 x 100 feet in size, a concrete pad storage area approximately 60'x 60' in size, an unlined evaporation pond approximately 100' x 30' feet is size. A large debris pile was also noted behind the steel building.

Groundwater pathway indicates Toluene is present in soils onsite and a high water table exists beneath the site with permeable geologic materials present from 0-60 feet bgs. Surface water pathway indicates runoff to the Walker River, located approximately 750-100 will not occur. This is because drainage from the site enters a bermed, unlined pond area. Soil and Air

pathways indicated there are no schools or daycare centers within 200 feet of the contamination associated with the site. The nearest residence is less than 750 feet from the western site boundary.

The operations at the site from 1992 to May, 1994 have been the manufacture of large plastic sprinkler heads for irrigation systems. Hazardous substances used on site were xylene, cathane, acetone, waster oil, epoxy resins, transmission fluid, lubricants, paint thinner, paint lacquers, cutting oil, and ABS resin chips. Waste produced on site was waste oil and epoxy resins. Further information regarding activities performed on site prior to 1992 were not available at the time of the PA.

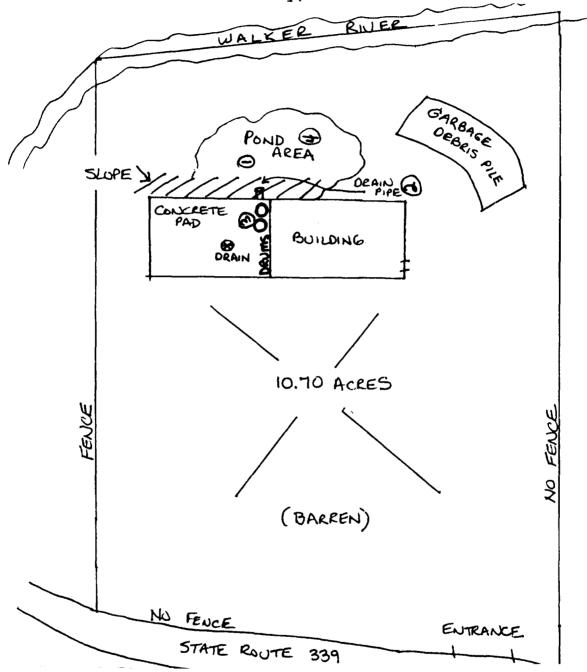
The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Waste Management Bureau oversees regulatory activities at the site. The State Fire Marshal's Office has oversight of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III chemicals reporting requirement. Lyon County is involved with issuance of any special use permits needed for the site.

Toluene has been detected in soils, however any natural flows of stormwater over the contaminated soil entered a bermed pond, and did not flow off site. This practice occurred during operations from 1992-1994. A release to groundwater is unlikely.

The following pertinent Hazard Ranking System factors are associated with the site:

- The nearest drinking water well is 750.0 feet from the site, and it serves one residence.
- No drinking water intakes, or sensitive environments are within 15 miles downstream of the site.
- No residences, schools, or daycare centers are on the same property and within 200 feet of contamination associated with the site.
- No workers are present on site.
- The nearest drinking water well is hydraulically upgradient of the site and the population served by the drinking water wells within 4 miles of the site is limited to approximately 4,000 people
- Stormwater runoff flows into an onsite, bermed pond, rather than flowing off site. In addition, the site is not in a floodplain.

Sampling Log Table 3-2
Samples taken by NDEP: Robert Speck and Corey Kerns
May, 1994



Sample 1: Soil taken in pond area approximately 4-8 1/2" below the surface

Sample 2: Soil taken from under drain pipe, smelled like Toluene.

Sample 3: Soil taken from open bucket by drums on concrete pad.

Sample 4: Soil taken by Sheriff's Department from the pond when there was approximately 6" of pooled orange free liquid present.

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APPENDIX A

CONTACT LOG AND REPORTS

CONTACT LOG

NAME	AFFILIATION	TELEPHONE	DATE	INFORMATION
Clerk	Lyon County Assessor's office	(702) 463-3341	07/08/94	Requested ownership info./ordered parcel map.
Brian Bonnenfant	Bureau of Busi- ness & Economic Research	(702) 784-6877	08/17/94	Requested demographic data.
Jim Farnham	NV Div. of Water Resources	(702) 687-4380	08/17/94	Requested water rights database.
Kevin Cooper	NV Natural Heritage Program	(702) 687-4245	08/17/94	Requested sensitive species data.
Corey Kerns	NDEP/RCRA	(702) 687-4670	07/29/94	Requested RCRA file.

APPENDIX B

SITE RECONNAISSANCE OBSERVATIONS AND INTERVIEW REPORT

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PREPARED BY: Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

OBSERVATIONS

MADE BY: Marilyn Meyer/Yann Ling DATE: 09/13/94

FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE(S):

SITE NAME: Avalos EPA ID#: NV0000735712

A site reconnaissance was conducted at the Avalos site on September 13, 1994. The weather was weather conditions were mostly clear and the temperature was approximately 65°F. The NDEP Superfund Branch, Marilyn Meyer and Yann Ling, conducted the site reconnaissance at 10:00 am to gather information on the site location and size, site history, processes used, and any hazardous waste generated, treated, stored, or disposed of on site. The NDEP team did not meet with the owner/operator and was not provided with any information because the site is not presently in operation. The reconnaissance included a site tour during which photographs were taken.

Owner/Operator History

Avalos was owned and operated by Hans Schnitzler from 1992 to May of 1994. Prior to 1992 operations at this site are unknown.

Site Operations

During operations between 1992-1994, Avalos manufactured large plastic sprinkler heads for irrigation systems. Chemicals used at the site included xylene, cathane, acetone, waster oil, epoxy resins, transmission fluid, lubricants, paint thinner, paint lacquers, cutting oils, and ABS resin chips. Production amounts of components are unknown.

The total amount of disturbed land is less than 1/4 acre, located behind the steel building in the eastern portion of the property. There are indications that a backhoe has done excavation or removal actions of possible the debris pile. The debris piles were not present at the time of this inspection.

The facility is fenced on the north side be chain link fence approximately 5 feet high. Access to the facility is through the main road which leads to the building, however there is no fence on the east, west or south side of the facility. A dirt road encircles the perimeter of the property.

There are presently no workers on site and the facility remains closed for business.

Observations Made During Site Visit

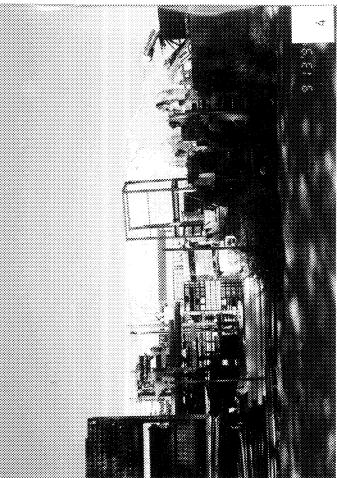
The frontage property (approximately front 9 acres) appeared to be mostly barren terrain, gently sloping to the east. A steel building, approximately 100' x 60' in size situated towards the east end of the property located approximately 75-100 feet west of the Walker River. A concrete pad approximately 60' x 60' in

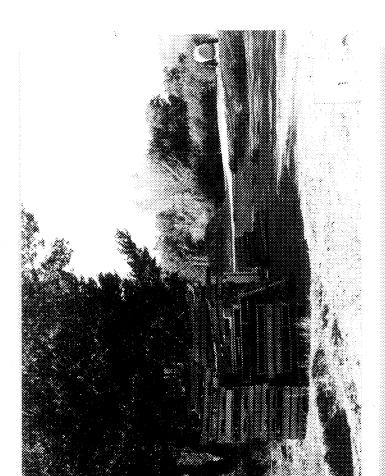
size is located directly north of the steel building and has at least 3 drains placed into the concrete pad. There were many racks located on the concrete area which appeared to be used to store various boxes of plastic chips, sprinkler molds, and sprinkler components. The building was closed and no one was on site. There was easy access to all areas of the property, the only fence line is located on the entire north side separating Marathon Equipment from Avalos. The site is not paved. No visible staining of the soil or signs of hazardous substances were observed at the site.

APPENDIX C

PHOTO DOCUMENTATION









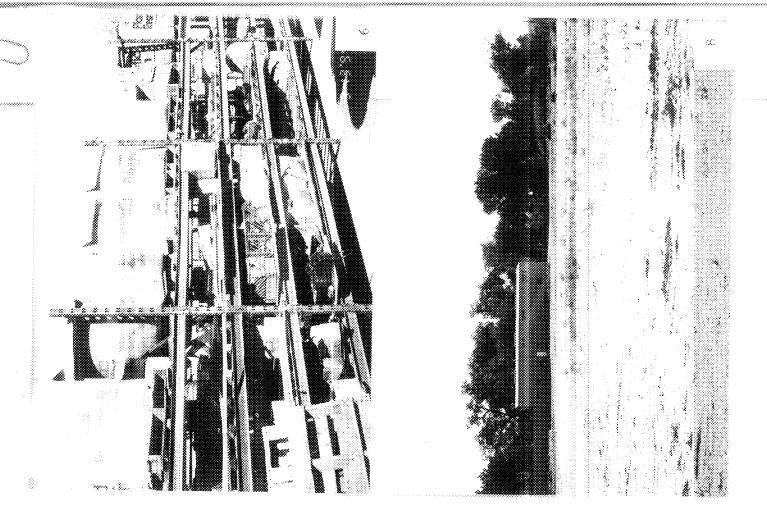
Avalos Site, Yerington, Nevada.
Excavation area in the northeast corner of property.
September 13, 1994.

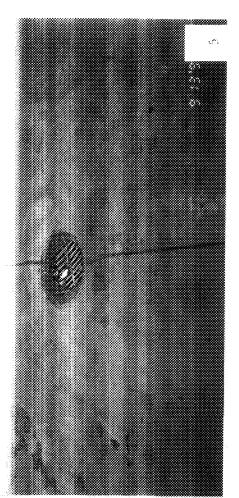
Avalos Site, Yerington, Nevada. Looking

south, in the back of the facility September 13, 1994.

Avalos Site, Yerington, Nevada. Looking West at the equipment racks on concrete pad due north of the steel building. September 13, 1994

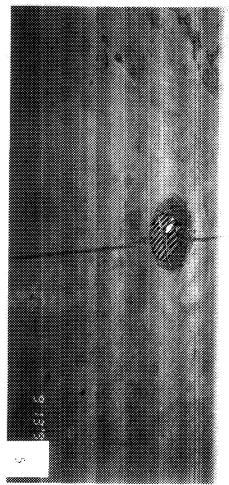
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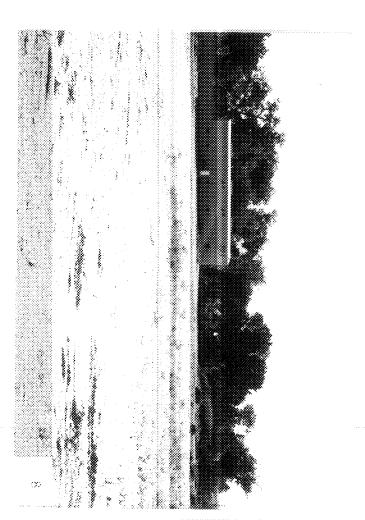


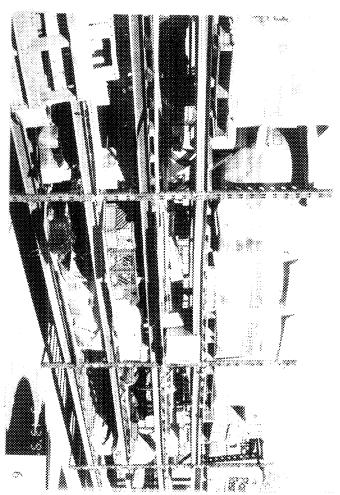












Avalos Site, Yerington, Nevada. Boxes of polymers on racks over the concrete pad, north of the steel building. September 13, 1994.

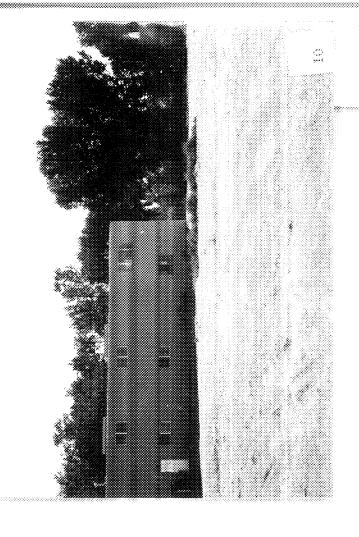
Avalos Site, Yerington, Nevada. Steel building and barren frontage property, looking east taken from near HWY 339. September 13, 1994.

Avalos Site, Yerington, Nevada. One of Three floor drains located within the concrete area located north of the facility September, 13, 1994.

Avalos Site, Yerington, Nevada. Drainage ditch located in northeast corner of property boundary.
September 13, 1994

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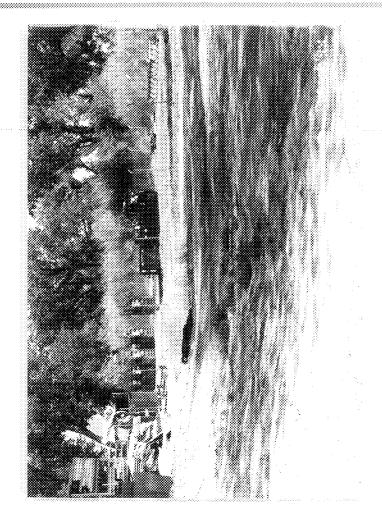
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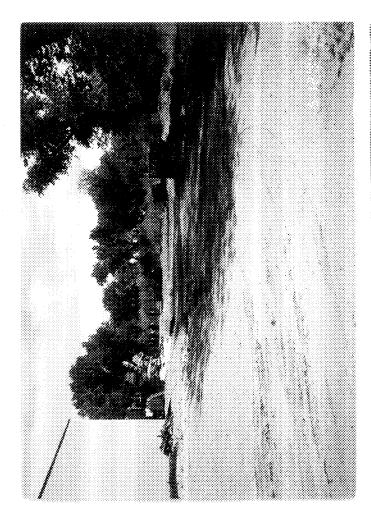


Avalos Site, Yerington, Nevada. Steel building (south end) looking east, taken from middle of 10.0 acre parcel. September 13, 1994.

Avalos Site, Yerington, Nevada. Steel building (north end) looking east, taken from middle of 10.0 acre parcel. September 13, 1994.









From same location as photo 1 using zoom.

East side of building looking north. Area of ponding is in center of photo. Walker River is beyond tree line to to right.

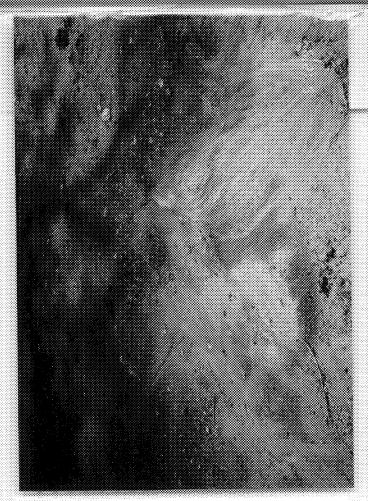
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North end of ponded area showing staining and channel (center background) $^{\rm Just}{\rm below}$ concrete pad.

Closer view of ponded are, still looking north.

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Lower right shows point of entry from Channel into ponded area. Sample #1 Taken from just east of this point.

Staining along western margin of ponded area.

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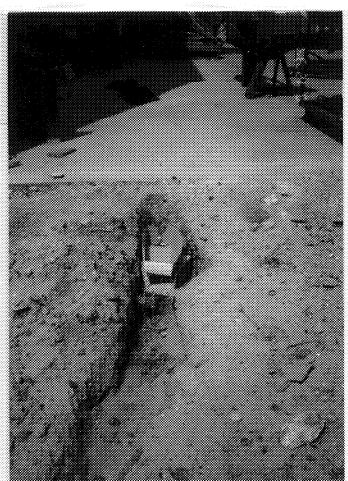
Staining along western margin of ponded area.

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Soil staining at south end of ponded area.

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Drain channel which empties into ponded area.

Close up of channel showing drain in concrete pad.

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Closer view of channel. Note boxes in channel.

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Boxes removed from channel.

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Close up of discharge pipe. Subsequent investigation revealed that drains on concrete pad lead to the pipe.

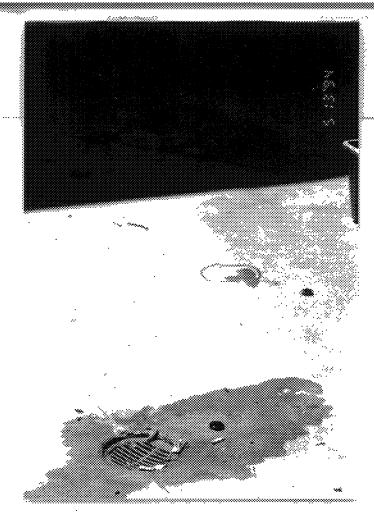
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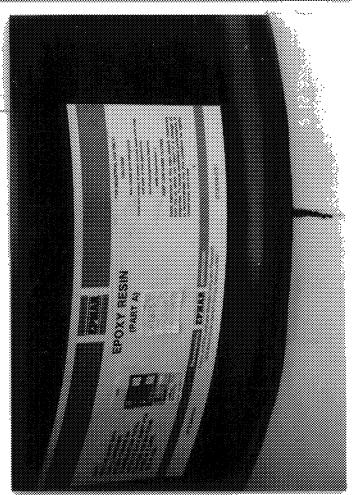
Sample #2 was taken at discharge point (just below pipe)

Removal of cardboard in photo 12 revealed PVC pipe a head of channel.

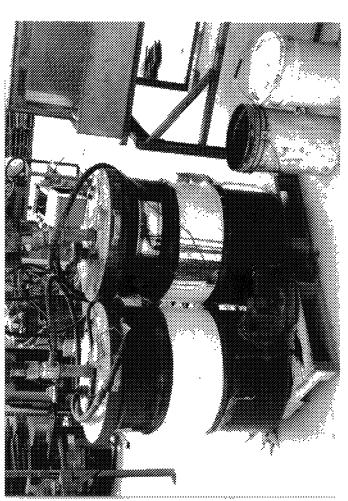
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Board in photo was evidently placed in order to direct flow from pipe.









Close up of drain. Note staining in right background (dark area around drain is water)

Two of the drains on concrete pad which are connected to the drain pipe.

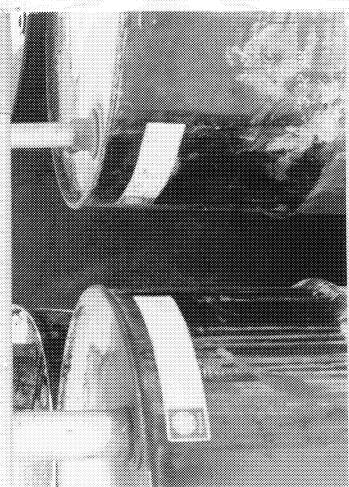
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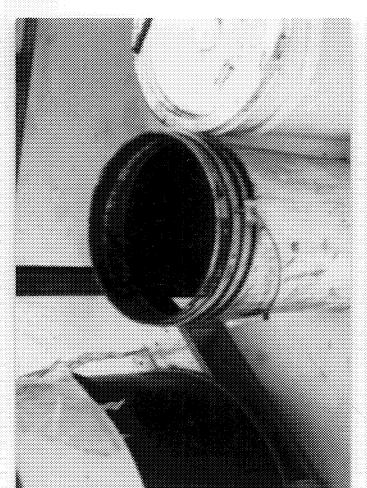
Label on drum in photo 19.

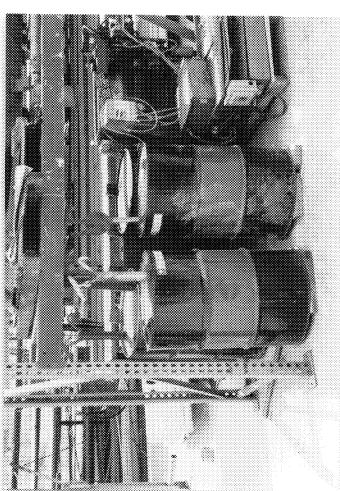
Drums contain epoxy resin A & B. See photo 21 for discussion of bucket in right foreground.

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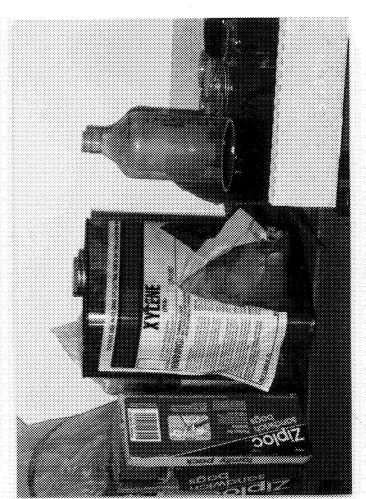


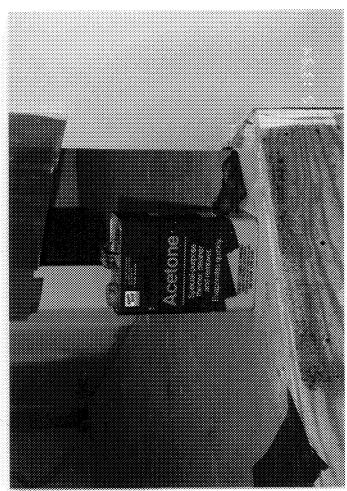


Open 5 gallon container of unidentified Boxes of ABS resin chips stored on oily liquid. Sample #3 was taken from concrete pad. this container. MEE 14 11 99991 7 22 21 Close up of oil drums. Oil drums stored on concrete pad. 355 10 11 . A 14 14 1 雅思 17 10 4 4 12 1 23 24









One gallon container of calthane polymer in repair shop.

One gallon container of xylene in upstairs repair shop.

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One gallon container of Acetone at top of stairs.

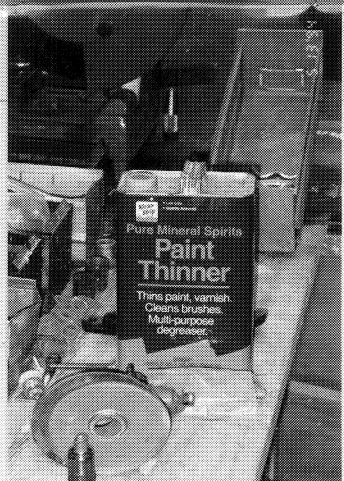
ground floor.

Chemicals in small store room on

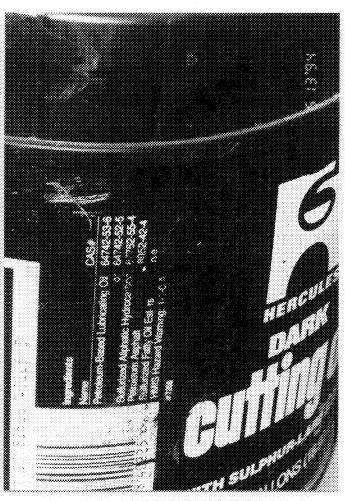
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Cutting oil in store room.

More chemicals in same store room.

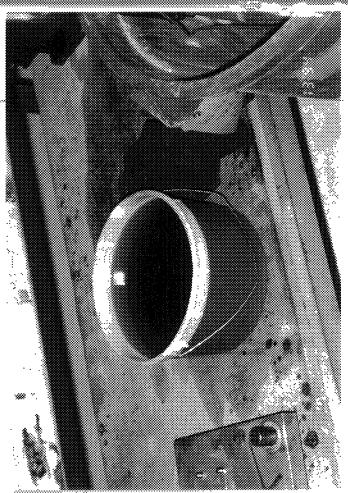
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Paint thinner in large storage area (NE corner, ground floor).

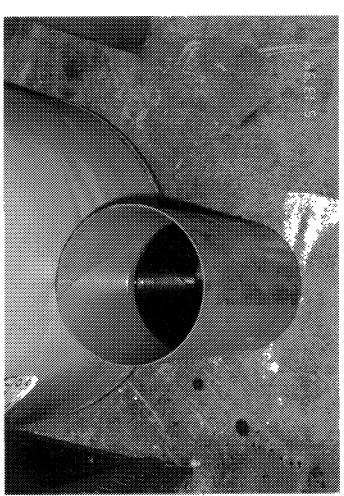
Close up of cutting oil label

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Brite dip in above store room.

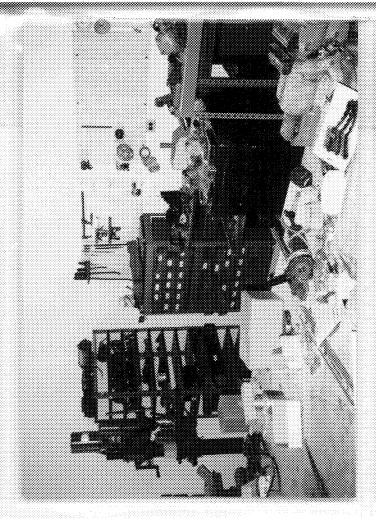
Lubricants in store room (SE corner, ground floor.

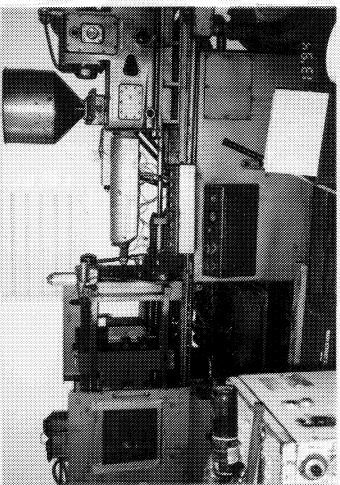
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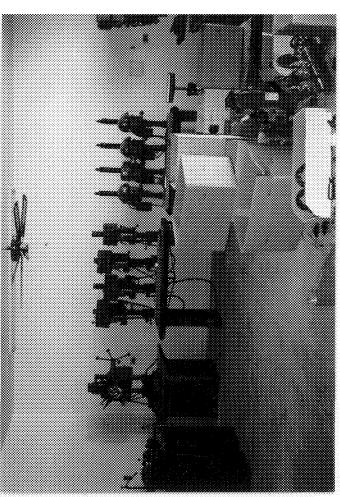
Open container of what appears to be cutting oil in machine shop (NW corner ground floor).

Open container of what appears to be transmission fluid in large storage area/shop (NW corner, ground floor).









Another view of same shop.

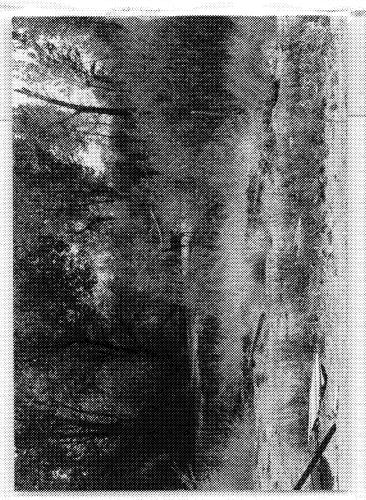
Machine shop (west central, ground floor).

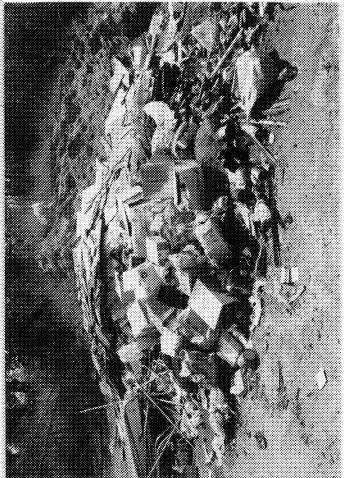
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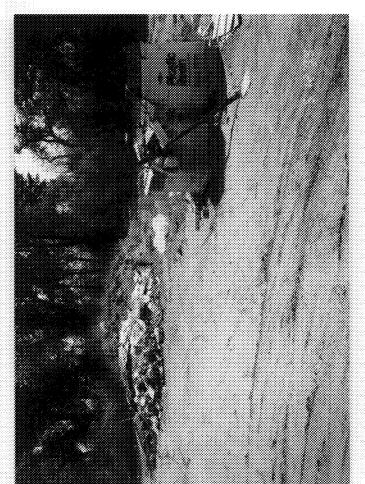
Plastic injection molding equipment in above shop.

Shop with bank of drill presses (NW corner, ground floor.)

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Looking slightly south at waste piles.

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Large waste pile containing "household type waste, construction waste, plus epoxy and oils. There is evidence that the pile has been burned in the past.

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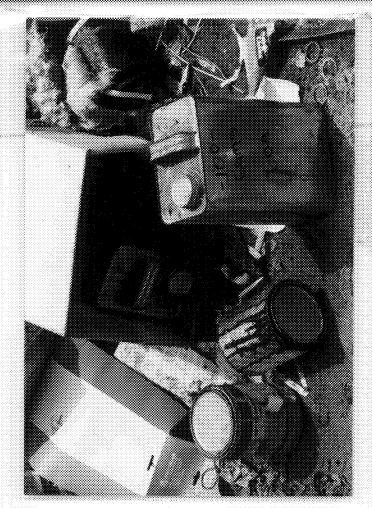
of building. Walker River runs behind tree line.

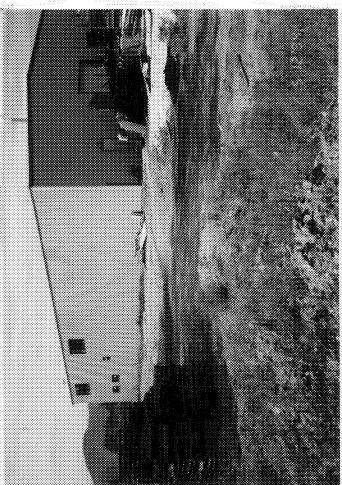
View of solid waste piles at south end

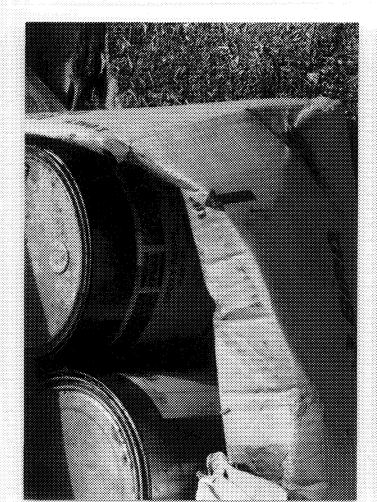
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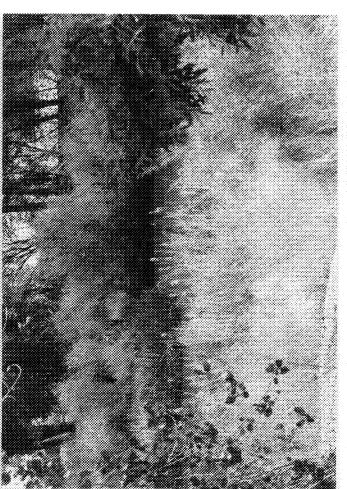
Soil Staining between waste piles.

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Full oil cans and epoxy resin cans in large waste pile.

Close up of epoxy resin (full cans) in large waste pile.

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Standing at same spot, looking southwest to building. Ponded area is behind pallets at base of slope. Standing at northeast corner of property looking east.

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AVALOS IRRIGATION PHOTO LOG

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APPENDIX D

LATITUDE/LONGITUDE WORKSHEET

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE CALCULATION WORKSHEET #2 LI USING ENGINEER'S SCALE (1:60) NDEP PA/SI

SITE: Avalos Incorporated CERCLIS #: NV0000735712
AKA: SSID:
ADDRESS: 136 HWY 339
CITY: Yerington STATE: Nevada ZIP CODE: 89447
SITE REFERENCE POINT: HWY 339 and NW corner of property line.
USGS QUAD MAP NAME: Yerington TOWNSHIP: 13 N/S RANGE: 25 E/W
SCALE: 1:24,000 MAP DATE: 1986 SECTION: 21 SE Q ² NE Q ²
MAP DATUM: 1927 1983 (CIRCLE ONE) MERIDIAN: MT. Diablo Baseline & Meri.
COORDINATES FROM LOWER RIGHT (SOUTHEAST) CORNER OF 7.5' MAP (attach photocopy):
LONGITUDE: 119° 07′ 30" LATITUDE: 38° 52′ 30"
COORDINATES FROM LOWER RIGHT (SOUTHEAST) CORNER OF 2.5' GRID CELL:
LONGITUDE: 119° 10' 00" LATITUDE: 38° 57' 30"
CALCULATIONS: LATITUDE (7.5' QUADRANGLE MAP) 2.5'= 454 RULER DIVISIONS
A) NUMBER OF RULER GRADUATIONS FROM LATITUDE GRID LINE TO SITE REF POINT: 195 B) MULTIPLY (A) BY 0.3304 (150/454) TO CONVERT SECONDS: A x 0.3304 = 64.43"
C) EXPRESS IN MINUTES AND SECONDS (1' = 60"):1'4.43"
D) ADD TO STARTING LATITUDE: $38^{\circ}57'30.00" + 1'4.43" =$
SITE LATITUDE: 38° 58′ 34.43"
CALCULATIONS: LONGITUDE (7.5' QUADRANGLE MAP) 2.5' = 356 RULER DIVISIONS
A) NUMBER OF RULER GRADUATIONS FROM RIGHT LONGITUDE LINE TO SITE REF POINT: 150
B) MULTIPLY (A) BY 0.4213 (150/356) TO CONVERT TO SECONDS: A x 0.4213 = 63.20"
C) EXPRESS IN MINUTES AND SECONDS (1' = 60"): $1' - 3.20$ "
D) ADD TO STARTING LONGITUDE: <u>119° 10′ 00.00</u> " + <u>1′ 3.20</u> " =
SITE LONGITUDE: 119° 11' 03.20"
INVESTIGATOR: Marilyn Meyer DATE: 09/21/94

APPENDIX E

PA FORM

EPA Potential Hazardous Waste Site Preliminary Assessment Form

<i>Identification</i>					
State:		CERCLIS Number:			
	<u>NV</u>	<u>NV0000735712</u>			
CERCLIS Discover Date:					

					<u>Sep</u>	tember 19	<u>, 1994</u>
1. General Site Information							
Name: Avalos Incorporated			Street: 136 H	HWY 339			
City: Yerington	1 11,900,1111		State: NV	Zip Code	: 89447	County:	Lyon
Latitude: 38°58'34.43"N 10.0 Longitude: 119°11'03.20"W	Area of Site: Acres Square Ft.		Status of Site: [] Active [x] Inactive [] Not Spec	cified	[] NA		nty Code: 510 p. Dist.: <u>NV-02</u>
2. Owner/Operator Informa: Owner: Andrea Avaios	tion .		Operator: Hans	Schnitzer			
Street: 136 HWY 339			Street: Same	•	1		
City: Yerington			City: Same	•			
State: Zip Code: T	elephone:		State: Same		Code: Same	Telepho	ne:
Type of Ownership	TF	low Initia	lly Identified	•			
[] Federal Agency [] Not Specified [] PA [] State [] Other [] State			izen Complaint Petition e/Local Progran RA/CERCLA N	m] [] no] Federal] Incident] Not Spe] Other	tal
3. Site Evaluator Information							
Evaluator: Marilyn Meyer	Agency/Organiza <u>NV Di</u>		f Environmenta	l Protect	<u>on</u>	Date Prep 1994	pared: Sept. 20,
Street: 333 W. Nye Lane			City:	Carson (<u>City</u>		State: <u>NV</u>
Name of EPA or State Agency Contact: Jeffrey Inglis			Street: <u>75</u>	<u>Hawthor</u>	ne Street		
City: San Francisco		,	State: <u>CA</u>		Telephone: (415	i) 744-234	<u> </u>
4. Site Disposition for FPA Emergency Response/Removal Assessment Recommendations	USE Only) CERCLIS Recommen [] Higher Priority [] Lower Priority	y SI		Signa	ture:		
[] Yes [] No [] Date:	[] NFRAP [] RCRA [] Other	,			es (typed):		
	Date:			Positi	on:		

Potential Hazardous Wasse	Site		CERCLIS Number:
Preliminary Assessment Fo	<u>NV0000735712</u>		
5. General Site Characteristics			
Predominant Land Uses Within 1 Mile of Site (Ch	the state of the s	Site Setting:	Years of Operation:
	DOD [] Other Federal acility	[] Urban	Beginning Year 1992
	DOE	[] Suburban	Ending Year <u>1994</u>
	DOI [] Other	[X] Rural	[] Unknown
[] Lumber and Wood Products [] Inorganic Chemicals [x] Plastic and/or Rubber Products [] Paints, Varnishe [] Industrial Organic Chemicals [] Agricultural Chemicals [(e.g., pesticides, fertilizers) [] Miscellaneous Chemical Products [(e.g., adhesives, explosives, ink) [[] Primary Metals [] Metal Coating, Plating, Engraving [] Metal Forging, Stamping [] Fabricated Structural Metal Prod. [] Electronic Equipment [] Other Manufacturing [] Mining [] Mining [] Metals [] Coal [] Oil and Gas	Other Landfill DOD DOE OTHER FED. OTHE	[] Present (] Former (] Present (] Present (] Unautho (] x] Unknow Waste Accessificator (] x]	on Authorized by: Owner Owner & Former Owner rized rn ole to the Public: Yes No arest Dwelling, School, or
[] Non-metallic Minerals E. Weste Characteristics Inform Source Type: (Check all that apply)	Source Waste Quantity G	eneral Types of Waste(ch	eck all that apply):
[] Landfill	Įį	x] Organics	
[x] Surface Impoundment	3,000 sq.ft. A] Inorganics x] Solvents	
[] Drums		x] Paints/Pigments	
[] Tanks & non-Drum Containers [] Chemical Waste Pile] Laboratory/Hospital	Waste
[] Scrap Metal or Junk Pile [] Tailings Pile] Radioactive Waste x] Oily Waste] Pesticides/Herbicide] Acids/Bases	
[x] Trash Pile (open dump)	462.96 ft^3 V] Construction/Demol x] Municipal Waste	ition waste
[] Land Treatment		Mining Waste	
[x] Contaminated Ground Water Plume (unidentified source)	j] Explosives	
[] Contaminated Surface Water/Sediment	ĵ] Other	
(unidentified source)			
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	<u>10.0 Acres </u>		
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Potential Hazardous Waste Site Preliminary Assessment Form - Page 3 of 4				CERCLIS Number: ND0000735712		
7. Ground Water Pathway	Is There a Suspected Re	ease To Ground Water:	L List Secondary T	arget Population	Served by	
Is Ground Water Used for Drinking Water Within 4 Miles: [x] Yes [] No	x] Yes	ease 10 Glound Water.	List Secondary T Ground Water W 0 - ¼			
Type of Drinking Water Wells Within 4 Miles(Check all that apply):	Have Primary Target Drin Identified:	king Water Wells Been	> 1/4 - 1	½ Mile <u>7</u>		
[x] Municipal	[x] Yes [] No	>1/2 - 1	l Mile <u>374</u>			
[x] Private [] None	If Yes, Enter Primary Targ	get Population:	>1 - 2	Miles <u>3,0</u> 2	17	
			>2 - 3	Miles <u>621</u>		
Depth to Shallowest Aquifer: <u>50-60.0</u> Feet	4,219 Nearest Designated Wellh	People Pead Protection Area:	>3 - 4	Miles <u>103</u>	MARQUE TO THE STATE OF THE STAT	
Karst Terrain/Aquifer Present: [] Yes [x] No	[] 0 - 1/4 M [] >1/4 - 4] [x] None Wi	Total Within 4 Miles 4,129				
8. Surface Water Pathway						
Type of Surface Water Draining Site and 15 (Check all that apply):	Miles Downstream	Shortest Overland Dista	nce From Any Sou	rce to Surface W	/ater:	
[] Stream [x] River [] Pond [] Bay [] Ocean [] Other		<u>75-1</u>	F-100 Feet			
Is There a Suspected Release to Surface V		Site is Located in:		Miles		
[] Yes [x] No		[] [] [x]	Annual - 10 yr >10 yr - 100 yr >100 yr - 500 y >500 yr Floodp	Floodplain or Floodplain blain		
Prinking Water Intakes Located Along the S	Surface Water Migration	List All Secondary Targe	et Drinking Water Ir	ntakes:		
[] Yes [x] No			ter Body F ker River	Flow(cfs) 175.0	Pop. Served	
Have Primary Target Drinking Water Intake [] Yes [x] No	s Been Identified:	wai	<u>kei Rivei</u>	175.0		
If Yes, Enter Population Served by Primary	Target Intakes:					
<u>o</u>	_ People					
			Total With	nin 15 Miles	0	
Fisheries Located Along the Surface Water	Migration Path:	List All Secondary Targe	et Fisheries:			
[x] Yes [] No		Waterbody/F	ishery Name	Flow(cfs)	<u> </u>	
Have Primary Target Fisheries Been Identif [] Yes [x] No	ied:	Walker River	r	<u>175.0</u>		
[Y] 140						

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8. Surface Water Pathway (con	tinued)				
Wetlands Located Along the Surface Water Migra		Other Sensitive Environ Migration Path:	ments Located Along the Surface Water		
[] Yes	<u> </u>	[] Yes [X] No			
[x] No Have Primary Target Wetlands Been Identified:			Environments Been Identified:		
[] Yes		[] Yes			
[x] No		[X]No	Sanathine Facility and the		
List Secondary Target Wetlands:	Parata a Mila	List Secondary Target S Water Body	Flow (cfs) Sensitive Environment Type		
Water Body Flow (cfs) N/A	Frontage Miles	N/A	Statistical Statistics Barnett Lippe		
9. Soil Exposure Pathway					
Are People Occupying or Attending School or Day Care on or Within 200 Feet of Areas of Known or Suspected Contamination:	Number of Workers Ons	ite:	Have Terrestrial Sensitive Environments Been Identified on or Within 200 Feet of the Site:		
[] Yes	[x] None		[] Yes		
[x]No	[] 1 - 100		[x] No		
If Yes, Enter Total Resident Population:	[] 101 - 1,000		If Yes, List Each Terrestrial Sensitive Environment		
<u>0</u> People	[] > 1,000				
10. Air Pethway Is There a Suspected Release to Air:	Wetlands Located Within	4 Miles of the Site:			
[] Yes	VVetlatids Located VVitility				
[x]No	[x]				
Enter Total Population on or Within: Onsite 0	Other Sensitive Environm	nents Located Within 4 M	files of the Site:		
0 - ¼ Mile 5	[]				
> ¼ - ½ Mile 7	[X]] No			
> ½ - 1 Mile <u>697</u>	List All Sensitive Environ	ments Within ½ Mile of th	ne Site:		
	<u>Distance</u>	Sensitive Envir	ronmental Type/Wetlands Area (acres)		
> 1 - 2 Miles <u>2,878</u>	Onsite	N/A			
	0 - ¼ Mile	<u>N/A</u>			
> 2 - 3 Miles <u>305</u>	> ¼ Mile - ½ Mile	<u>N/A</u>			
> 3 - 4 Miles <u>294</u>					
Total Within 4 miles 4,186					